

Inter-Island/Poppe
Public File Exhibit

Inter-Island Communications, Inc, (“Inter-Island”) Licensee of KSTO(FM) and KISH(FM), Hagatna, Guan and Edward H. Poppe, Jr. and Frances W. Poppe, (“Poppe”) licensees of KTWG, Agana, Guan submit this exhibit to their license renewal applications.

Inter-Island and Poppe have reviewed their online public file and found that a problem occurred in uploading their issues/programs lists. The facts are as follows:

The Inter-Island program director is charged with responsibility to maintain the public file for all three stations. In 2018 the program director suddenly resigned to accept a job in government. He accepted responsibility for training other employees for maintaining the public file and assured management that he had, in fact, trained two employees who replaced him on the requirements of Public Files maintenance and assured management that they were well briefed and capable of performing. One employee was charged with to maintain the public file for KSTO/KISH and the other for KTWG.

About a month or two ago, management asked these one of these employees how public files maintenance was going, and the report was that she had never heard anything about them. Prior to them going online she had kept the KTWG public files in the office. The other employee responsible for KSTO/KISH responded that she was working on them and was about finished.

The employee responsible for KTWG stated that she only heard that she was to maintain the file when it was addressed a month or two ago and was never briefed by the former Program Director. The employee responsible for KSTO/KISH admitted to being briefed but had put off the task due to the press of other responsibilities.

Inter-Island and Poppe would point to these mitigating factors. It serves as the key to the Emergency Alert System for Guam in that KTWG is the PEP, KSTO is LP1 and KISH is LP2 for the Island of Guam. During the time described in this exhibit, Guam has been the subject of EAS events that have drawn priority attention of management and its employees, including a situation of high alert caused by threats from North Korea, tsunami alerts, flash flood warnings and frequent, serious storm alerts, some approaching typhoon level. This has been exacerbated by reduced staff of the Covid-19 pandemic.

Inter-Island and Poppe are deeply sorry that this situation arose. A training program has been instituted for employees responsible for the file on FCC online public file requirements, including issues/programs lists with instructions that this is a priority task that takes precedence over all other matters in their job description absent an actual EAS alert.